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Declaration of Purpose

"The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service."

Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

Vision

We are the preeminent law fraternity promoting the bonds of fraternalism and we are the leader in the development and advancement of professional ideals.

Core Values

Bound together by tradition and our common interest in the law, we share these core values: Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Professionalism, Service, Diversity, and Innovation.

Focus on Community Service

By Cory Freeman, P.A.D. Staff Writer

Community service is an essential aspect of P.A.D. Chapter programming. As part of Phi Alpha Delta's mission, service to the community advances integrity, compassion and courage in our members.

Because community service is such an integral part of Phi Alpha Delta Chapter operations, it is important that students support their communities by elevating issue awareness, dedicating time and fundraising. What Chapters choose as their community service projects varies and can range from canned food drives to assisting estate lawyers in planning client wills. Each Chapter is required to participate in community service programs and initiatives every semester; however, a few Chapters exceeded the set requirement in 2011.

The amazing achievements that Phi Alpha Delta members have accomplished is almost immeasurable due to the quantity of programs and the impact each Chapter truly has on their community. However, through the collected 2011 community service statistics, we derived information such as how many organizations Chapters were involved with, the amount of time spent helping and amount of money raised to support individual causes and organizations.

Of our 708 Phi Alpha Delta Chapters, 206 Law Chapters, 303 Pre-Law Chapters and 99 Alumni Chapters, members cumulatively raised over 1.5 million dollars in 2011 to support over 1,100 organizations and causes around the country. Over 33,000 hours were donated; that amount of community service is equal to over three years worth of work, but only if you worked 24 hours *every* day! This success could not have been achieved without the dedication of our Chapter members and their great leadership.

P.A.D. Law Chapters are required to participate in at least one community service event per semester. Even with one event, Chapters can make a huge impact on their communities through raising awareness and providing assistance for specific issues. Collecting donations has proven to be a trend among P.A.D. Law Chapters and provides basic essentials for those in need. Both Lincoln and Tilden Chapters hosted clothing and toy drives. Lincoln was able to collect over five racks of clothing to benefit

the homeless in Chicago, and Tilden collected over thirty toys for the holidays; those toys were gifted to children at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Fleming Chapter supported a food bank in South Florida by gathering donations of over 11,400 canned goods, their record to date. Articles about this event were published in the *NSU Current* as well as the *Broward County Sun-Sentinel*—what an accomplishment!

Some Chapters combine their efforts to help their communities. Frankfurter and MacLean Chapters co-organized multiple events to benefit cancer research by participating in the *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk* in Boston and helping an organization called *The Home for Little Wanderers*; a New England-based charitable organization whose goal to ensure the healthy behavioral, emotional, social and educational development and physical well-being of children and families living in at-risk circumstances. Their merged efforts raised a combined total of almost \$3,000 in charitable donations. When multiple Chapters work together, it not only furthers P.A.D.'s mission, but their ability to help their community and create a greater fraternal bond.

Alumni Chapters are required to hold at least one community service event per year. The West Suburban Alumni Chapter in Chicago has continued to exceed this requirement and not only provides service to their community, but to P.A.D. student members. Their annual scholarship, *The Anthony A. DiGrazia Scholarship Fund*, recognizes outstanding P.A.D. student members with scholarships in amounts of \$500 to \$750. Additionally, they annually sponsor a charity bowling tournament to raise money to support the



Left: Members of the Frankfurter and MacLean Chapters raised over \$2,500 to benefit cancer research by participating in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk."

homeless. Their community involvement, as well as involvement with current P.A.D. students, sets a great example of fraternal commitment to serve the community after graduation.

Pre-Law Chapters are required to participate in two community service initiatives per semester. Although only two are required, many Chapters took leadership in this facet of P.A.D. programming and committed their Chapter to helping their communities.

Florida A & M University gave their time to over 9 organizations and causes including, *Relay for Life*, *The Shelter*, *Toys for Tots*, *Christmas for Katrina*, *American Red Cross*, *Community Center*, *Ronald McDonald House*, food drives and campus cleanup initiatives. These organizations provide necessities to people in shelters, underprivileged families and those battling cancer, to name a few.

The Pre-Law Chapter at Penn State University gave 120 hours of their time to benefit *THON*; an organization that raises money for victims of pediatric cancer, *RAINN*; an assault organization, and the *American Red Cross*. The dedicated Penn State Chapter raised over \$5,000 to benefit these organizations.

David Lipscomb University's Pre-Law Chapter has earned recognition for dedicating 925 hours and raising over \$62,000 to benefit 13 charitable organizations. Their high community service achievement is in part due to initiatives in the Law, Justice and Society major curriculum, general dedication of P.A.D. members to their community and their involved Chapter President, Eric Heath. Heath is the advocate for *Invisible Children* on campus, an organization that seeks to restore peace and end the use of child soldiers in Central Africa's rebel war. Because of his standing and enthusiasm, community service opportunities are abundant.

Recently, members raised \$15,000 as an operating budget for a related fundraiser called *Twenty-Five*; which fundraises across the country and ultimately raised 1.5 million dollars for the cause. Their achievements in helping the Nashville community are outstanding and P.A.D. is proud of their commitment and achievements.

Although community service is only one facet of Phi Alpha Delta, it is an important one. As budding lawyers whose profession will ultimately be to serve the people, community service is one great way Phi Alpha Delta helps its members become well rounded law students, pre-law students and lawyers.

Right: Recipients of West Suburban Alumni Chapter's "Anthony A. DiGrazia Scholarship Fund," Justice Lindsay Ruedig and Vice Justice Kim Pressling of Lincoln Chapter.



Top: Florida A&M University's Pre-Law Chapter participated in Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Above: Fleming Chapter gathered over 11,400 canned goods, their record to date



Message From the International Justice:

Doing What's Right *and* Doing It Well

By Rhonda Hill (Cole),
International Justice

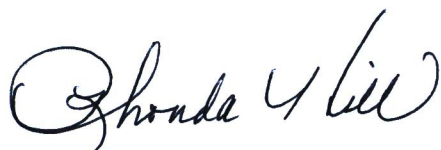
This issue of *The Reporter* contains an article about community service—but not just *any* community service. In this issue, you will learn a small amount about the extensive community service provided by our P.A.D. Chapters from coast to coast. Until this past year, we have not tried to even begin to quantify the number and depth of the myriad of community service events our Pre-Law, Law and Alumni Chapters conduct. We know you are doing these types of events but we have never had a bigger picture—until now. And what an impressive picture it is.

Virtually all of P.A.D.'s written publications proudly set forth our mission and core values. Service is at the heart of that message. We hear our motto recited during our various rituals and ceremonies. Service is also at the heart of that message. Now, we can actually see the spoken and written word translated into action across the country in the form of meaningful community assistance...dollars raised, hours spent and lives positively touched.

In today's fast paced times, there sometimes seems to be a predisposition toward instant personal gratification and an "it's all about me" attitude with fewer and fewer resources being allocated to the things that matter most—people; But not so in our P.A.D. Chapters. They have shown that service runs deeper than self.

I commend the community service article to you. We can all be proud of the selfless contributions our fellow P.A.D. brothers and sisters have made. This is P.A.D. at its best. Talk about doing what's right and doing it well! My thanks and congratulations.

Most fraternally,



Phi Alpha Delta's "Best of the Best" Fall 2011

Top Ten Law Chapter Initiations (new members)

1. Lincoln – 152
2. Read – 137
3. Story – 109
4. LaBrum – 96
5. Hull – 90
6. Brandeis – 88
7. Watson – 75
8. Fleming – 71
9. Blackstone – 71
10. Rockefeller – 70

Top Ten Pre-Law Chapter Initiations

- University of Southern California – 92
- Florida International University – 72
- University of Florida - 69
- Cornell University – 65
- University of Central Florida – 61
- Florida State University – 60
- Baylor University – 55
- University of Texas-Austin – 48
- University of Missouri – 47
- University of Mississippi – 43

Top Three Alumni Chapter Initiations

- Chicago
- West Suburban
- Miami, Los Angeles, Buffalo, and Niagara (tied)

Newly Chartered Pre-Law Chapters

- Winthrop University
- Rockhurst University
- Columbus State University
- University of Mississippi

Reactivated Pre-Law Chapters

- Valdosta State University



Clerk's Corner

By Stephen T. King (*Wythe*), International Secretary

I was standing in a coffee shop in Biloxi at closing time, waiting for my turn in the bathroom and looking at some black and white photos hanging on the wall. The photos depicted the ruins of the ancient forum in Rome. I said to myself, "I've been there. . ." but then I frowned, ". . . over twenty years ago." The concluding half of that thought clouded my brain with old age and mortality, so I continued thinking. "I've finally reached a point in life where I can start a sentence with 'twenty years ago, when I was a *young* adult. . .'" I heard the toilet flush and knew that it was my turn.

"There is still a place for you in the Fraternity and a place for the Fraternity in you."

In the 18th century, Edward Gibbon sat amid the Roman ruins, gained insight, and was inspired to write a masterpiece explaining the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. I looked at a photo of the same scene and could only ponder my own physical limitations in space and time.

Twenty years ago, when I was a young adult, I entered law school. I am now closing in on 20 years of membership and service in P.A.D. I remember my first Convention in Conroe, Texas (1994) as an inspiring and unforgettable experience. Why? Aside from the usual Convention high jinks, it was because of the fraternal bonds created there. Suddenly I realized that the Fraternity extended far beyond the four walls of my law school and local Chapter. Phi Alpha Delta is not just a three-year law school experience; Once a member, always a member (whether you pay your alumni dues or not). I could have left my Fraternity membership at the front door of the law school upon graduation and never looked back, but somehow the Fraternity kept finding me. I discovered that the measure one gives to the Fraternity is matched and exceeded by the measure that one gets back. I write this as a reminder to our alumni, and soon-to-be alumni, that there are many areas of service open to our members upon graduation. You are still a member of the P.A.D. There is still a place for you in the Fraternity and a place for the Fraternity in you.

Before turning the handle on the bathroom door, I took one last look at the forum, sipped my iced coffee and pondered, "I should have ordered a hot coffee. Perhaps I need a Roman holiday."



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Get Ready for the 59th Biennial Convention!

By Jon Bassford (*Willis*), Director of Law Operations

The 59th Biennial Convention will be here before you know it! It is not too early to begin planning.

Why Should a Chapter Send a Delegate?

Every Chapter is entitled to two votes that help shape our Fraternity's future. Votes are cast on elections, rules and resolutions, and Constitution and International By-law Amendments. If a Chapter does not send a delegate, these votes are lost. Chapters are expected to send at least one delegate.

Additionally, Convention is a time for delegates to learn more about P.A.D. and its operations. Delegates leave with useful leadership skills and information that will help their Chapter provide more services to its members and grow.

Why Should I Want to Go?

Convention is an incredible time! Delegates partake in networking opportunities and professional development programs that will help them in their career and throughout life.

Delegates that attend Convention describe it as one of the best times they ever had!

Who Can Attend?

Officers are encouraged to attend but it is open to all members!

To be a voting delegate for a Law School Chapter, you have to be a member of that Chapter and have at least one semester remaining in school following Convention. Alumni Chapter delegates need to be members of the Chapter as well. Alumni Chapters need to have performed certain duties such as held elections and paid the Chapter tax. Law School and Alumni Chapters must also submit the credentials form. Please contact the Executive Office for more information about the credentialing process. We will help make sure your Chapter is represented!

Every District has two At-Large Delegates that can be appointed by the District Justice (or International Justice if there is a vacancy). These individuals must be dues paying alumni who live in the District.

How Much Does It Cost?

Registration/Hotel

Chapters/individuals are responsible for the registration fee. The registration form gives the breakdown of prices. The registration fee covers the hotel room, registration materials, all programming, all events, and most meals.

Please note that there is special pricing for Chapters who wish to have more than two delegates in a room.

Also, if you graduate this academic year, P.A.D. has a special offer for recent graduates. Contact the Executive Office for details.

Transportation

The Fraternity reimburses airfare for the **first delegate**. On or about June 1st, we will run airfare from the closest major or regional airport to the Chapter. The amount we find to Phoenix, AZ is the amount we will reimburse up to. If the Chapter spends less than our researched amount, it will receive a 100% reimbursement. Delegates are responsible for transportation to the hotel.

If a Chapter/delegate wishes to drive, mileage is reimbursable at \$.35/mile but will be capped at the lesser amount.

How Do We Get the Funding?

The two most common ways Law School Chapters acquire funds for Convention are through requests to either SBA or the dean's office. If SBA does not have the funds, Deans have discretionary funding that may be an option. It does not hurt to mention SBA usually receives funds to attend their national conferences.

Besides school funding, Law School Chapters should hold fundraising events or seek sponsorships. Doing a good ol' fashioned "penny war" can raise enough money to send at least one delegate in just a week. If you would like to discuss this idea or other



fundraising programs, please give the Executive Office a call. Another route for funding is to seek sponsorships by a company, law firm, or several alumni. If you can get four alumni to donate \$100, that would give the Chapter enough to send one delegate.

Alumni Chapters may perform various fundraising functions, including the ones above, to help them attend Convention.

Conclusion

This only begins to scratch the surface of why Chapters and individuals should attend Convention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Office. We will do everything we can to get you to Convention. We look forward to seeing you in Scottsdale, Arizona!

5 Reasons You Don't Want to Miss This Year's Convention!

1. Stanley H. Kohn Reception
2. Fantastic Speakers and Workshops
3. The Frank McCown Purple and Gold Party (*sponsored by Themis*)
4. Networking Opportunities
5. International Awards Banquet

Things To Do and See In Scottsdale

There is so much to explore in and around Scottsdale, Arizona! Whether you are seeking outdoor adventures, family-friendly activities, arts and culture, or sophisticated nightlife, Scottsdale can deliver. Below are just a few examples. For more information visit the Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau® online at www.scottsdalecvb.com.

Outdoor Adventures

Hiking In the Sonoran Desert

Biking excursions

Kayaking on the Verde River

Desert Jeep Tours

Hot air balloon rides

Family Fun

Children's Museum of Phoenix

Arizona Museum of Natural History

Arizona Science Center

Phoenix Zoo

CrackerJax Family Fun & Sports Park

Arts and Culture

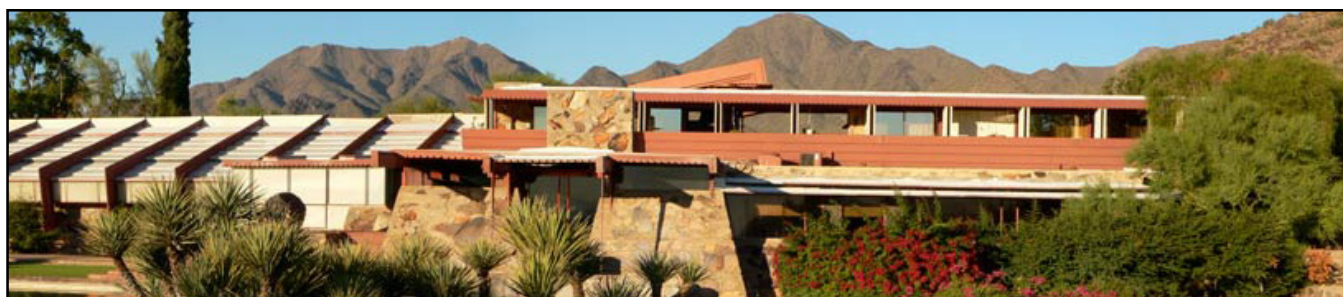
Public Art Walking Tour

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Phoenix Art Museum

Scottsdale Historical Society



Advice From “The Vice”

By Ronald J. Winter (*Alden*), International Vice Justice

At its recent Winter Board Meeting, your International Executive Board debated and approved some measures which may have long-lasting impact on the growth and vitality of our members, our Chapters and our Fraternity. These amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Phi Alpha Delta will soon be posted on our website for all to evaluate and discuss.

Each Chapter, and some individual members, will have a say in whether or not these measures take effect. Those who will have a voice in these matters will be those who attend the biennial P.A.D. Convention in Arizona later this summer.

Each active law school and alumni Chapter of our Fraternity is eligible to send a delegate to the Convention in Scottsdale. Any dues-paying alumnus may attend the Convention and have a vote in a committee and on the floor of the Convention; they must be appointed by the District Justice of the district in which they reside. As in any other representative

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body, you must be present during the voting to have a say in the matters of the organization.

Every two years at about this time, the Executive Office reaches out to our Chapters to encourage attendance at Convention. A delegate from a qualifying Chapter may have travel expenses and hotel costs covered by the Fraternity, yet we often have few who take the offer*. With that incentive in place, we expect all Chapter's have representation when the Convention is gavelled to order on August 1st.

Preparation for the debate, as well as camaraderie, is just as important as attending. The proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws will be posted in March, allowing over four months of reading and preparation for discussion of the subjects. A Chapter can decide how it wants to proceed on a

proposal before the Convention, and then send its delegate(s) to vote. It is democracy in action.

Each day of business brings with it an evening of socializing and networking. As we like to say at Convention, “We work hard and we play hard.” Why not join us?

You have an opportunity to be part of the history of our Fraternity, and to prepare to help lead it into the next biennium. I urge each chapter to take advantage of that opportunity. Make certain that your chapter is represented in Scottsdale, Arizona this August.

Just my advice.



** Delegate reimbursement is handled by the Executive Office, but it involves air travel and hotel stay. Please contact the Executive Office for details.*



Introducing The P.A.D. Spotlight!

The P.A.D. Spotlight, a www.pad.org exclusive feature, showcases an exceptional member, alumnus, achievement or event, weekly.

Phi Alpha Delta members are encouraged to submit feature recommendations. Fellow P.A.D. members are eager to hear about the great things everyone is doing and what they have accomplished. Not only does it show the Executive Office what you can do, but it provides International recognition for a Chapter, person or event.

To submit recommendations, please email cory@pad.org.

Alumni 101

Pay It Forward

By Justin P. Roberts (*Read Chapter*), Director of Alumni Relations

I have a question for Alumni; do you remember your time as a student member of P.A.D.? Was there an alumni member who was integral to your experience?

A lot of alumni members have been extremely helpful to students by assisting with the job search, by serving as a resource for 'real world' questions, or even just by spending time with them. Having alumni mentors makes the P.A.D. and law school experience better.

"To many students, your time, counsel, and dedication are the benefit of membership..."

If you wanted that alumni relationship but didn't have it, you are not alone. There are plenty of others who desired that alumni connection and mentoring relationship, and many students that still do. Alumni help transition students into members of the legal profession. P.A.D.

student members are eager to learn from alumni members; they want someone to talk to, someone who can answer their questions about the legal industry and someone who can talk to them about the experience.

These students want that alumni connection but struggle finding willing alumni. You, the alumni, can help today's students by fostering the relationship that you always wanted and, you can pay it forward.

Whether you had the experience during your student membership or not, you can provide it to today's students and become that integral part of their transition.

Luckily for students today, being a mentor can be as simple as giving advice via email or phone. Getting any help or viewpoint on their future can provide peace of mind to a Chapter, and that can go a long way.

If you are interested in meeting or talking to a Law School Chapter, drop me a line at justin@pad.org and we'll get the ball rolling. From the Chapters, thank you for your help and support. To many students, your time, counsel, and dedication are *the* benefit of membership that makes Phi Alpha Delta worth it. Who knows, maybe tomorrow they'll help the next group of students. It will be their way of thanking you for the opportunity you provided them.

That may come tomorrow, but this is today. Today, it's *your* chance to help. Beloved alumni members, take that chance. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Justin may be reached at justin@pad.org.

Hey P.A.D. Grads!

Before your big day, be sure to visit the P.A.D. Online Store to purchase your purple and gold graduation cords.

Congratulations on your big day from all of us at Phi Alpha Delta!





F.A.Q. of Pre-Law

By Bryon K. Rupp (*Benson*),
Director of Pre-Law Operations

Dear Director Rupp,

*I can't believe that it's
spring already! I just looked
at our school's academic
calendar and am amazed at
how little time is left in the year.*

*What can I do to make sure our
Chapter has a great spring and
transition to next year?*

Sincerely,

Counting the Days

Dear Days,

I'm glad that you are looking
ahead and are ready to plan your
spring calendar. With holidays, spring

break and new officer elections, the spring semester is
much shorter than the fall.

Here's what you need to do to make this semester
(or quarters) the most beneficial to your existing and
future members.

1. Continue to hold programs that fulfill the purpose of a P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter.

Your Chapter programming should continue to
focus on helping your members make an informed
decision about continuing their education into law
school. If your programming last semester included
something like LSAT Prep or speaker presentations, do
it again! Your membership has grown and your new
members will be eager to have that information as well.

You'll also want to continue holding new programs
that will benefit your seasoned members. To do that,
your Chapter calendar should include or expand upon
programs that answer both traditionally and non-
traditionally, "What can I do with a law degree?" You
can find speakers from both categories in local P.A.D.
alumni. Programs should also provide information that

helps members understand
the admissions process and
the financial side of
attending law school.

Your Chapter programming should focus heavily
on helping your members make an informed decision
about law school and a law career. While Chapters can
contribute 15% of their programming to social events,
helping members determine their future is the priority
of Chapter programming.

2. Keep recruiting.

Your Chapter is about to graduate a significant
portion of its membership. Chapter's that are unable to
bring in new members each year can quickly go inactive
by graduating all of their members. Ensure that does
not happen by holding programs that fulfill your
Chapter's purpose and publicizing them across campus;
you will generate significant interest. Students gain
interest in the law through their undergraduate
experience, make sure to continue to spark that interest
until the end of the semester.

3. Hold elections before the first Monday in April.

The greatest measure of your efforts this year will
involve how well the Chapter does after you leave. Be
sure that your successors are able to build on your efforts.
Make sure that you hold elections before the first
Monday in April (and preferably in early March) so
that you have time to hold an officer transition. Many
of us have felt like our predecessors left us without any
guidance and it happens every year. Be different; take
the steps necessary to enable success in the future! Hold
your elections early enough to have a transition, and
then communicate during that officer transition what
worked and what didn't during your tenure as an officer.

4. Attend the Leadership Symposia and Prepare for the 2012 Pre-Law Conference.

Each Chapter is expected to be represented at the
Annual Pre-Law Conference in November. Next year's
will be held in Alexandria, VA November 8-10. The
Pre-Law Conference features a wide variety of speakers
and programs that discuss topics such as networking,
the LSAT, and Chapter operations.

We also are in the process of holding the spring
2012 Leadership Symposia. So far this year, more than
300 students from 72 Chapters have spent a Saturday
developing their leadership and organizational skills.

To find out more about the Pre-Law Conference
and Leadership Symposia, please go to www.pad.org.



5. Complete all of the required courses at P.A.D. University.

As a Chapter Officer, you have accepted a great responsibility to serve the Fraternity and your local members. The Executive Office regularly provides information through the online learning system, P.A.D. University. All officers are expected to take assigned courses on the Fraternity's policies regarding Open Membership, Alcohol, Anti-Hazing and Financial issues. The courses are short (10–15 minutes each) and the quizzes are fairly simple.

The Executive Office will send each officer an email with their course assignments and completion deadlines.

6. Call if you have a question!

The Pre-Law department and the Executive Office are always here to help you. Please email us or give us a call with any questions that you may have.

We're here to help you succeed!

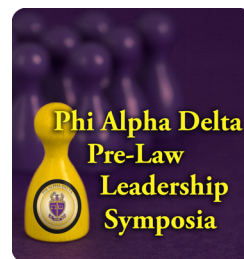
Fall 2011 Leadership Symposia

By Byron K. Rupp (*Benson*), Director of Pre-Law Operations

The Fall 2011 Leadership Symposia were a great success! More than 250 Chapter Officers and Faculty Advisors from 61 schools participated in one of the eight Symposia.

Attendees spent a Saturday learning how to develop their organizational and leadership skills to help Chapter members make an informed decision about pursuing a law degree and the options available to someone with a Juris Doctor.

Six Leadership Symposia for Spring 2012 are completed and another 50 students from 11 Chapters attended to provide the best 'Service to the Student, the School, the Profession and the Community' that they can. Thank you all for your participation!



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2011 P.A.D. Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial and Law School Expo “Wrap-Up”

By Byron K. Rupp (*Benson*), Director of Pre-Law Operations

The Pre-Law Program held another successful Pre-Law Conference this past November in Alexandria, VA.

This year's conference featured:

- Andrew Brody (*The Princeton Review—this year's Premier Sponsor and Underwriter of the Pre-Law Program*)
- Adam Carroll (*founder, National Financial Educators*), who led discussions on succeeding through time management and how to find your dream job in a struggling economy
- Deans Michelle Rahman (*University of Richmond Law School*) and Dean John Benfield (*Charleston School of Law*) on the Dos and Don'ts of Law School Admissions.

Special “thanks” also go to Jeff Thomas (*Kaplan*), and Jason Crandall and Jon Denning (*PowerScore*) for their presentations during the breakout sessions.

Begin planning for the 2012 Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial Competition and Law Expo now by putting together fundraising programs to minimize the individual expense to your Chapters' attendees. The conference will run from November 8-10 and room rates will remain nearly the same as will the registration fees. Please remember that each Chapter is expected to be represented.



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*Clockwise from Top Right: Adam Carroll; PowerScore Logic Games Giveaway Recipients;
Dean Michelle Rahman; Law School Expo; PowerScore's Jon Denning*



Mock Trial Competition Award Winners

Outstanding Prosecution Team:
University of Florida Team #2 (Brandon Breslaw,
William Casey)

Outstanding Defense Team:
University of Florida Team #1 (Vanessa Vogler,
Nicholas Alberto)

Outstanding Witness
Stephanie Calcote of the University of Florida

1st Place

University of Florida Team #1 (Vanessa Vogler,
Nicholas Alberto, Stephanie Calcote, Ian Gibbons)

2nd Place

University of Florida Team #2 (Brandon Breslaw,
William Casey, Mallory Cooney, Elizabeth Fata)

3rd Place

Texas Tech University Team #2 (Patrick Mehaffy, Tyler
Dimarino, Nathan Ham, Taylor Bush)

4th Place

Concord University Team #1 (Joseph Dean, Grace
Hurney, Karina Rahall, Anthony Heltzel)

Pre-Law Conference Mock Trial and National Award Winners:

Best Pre-Law Communication Program
The University of Arizona

Outstanding Recruitment Award
Florida State University—127 new members!

Best Professional Program
The University of Houston
Annual Pre-Law Day

Outstanding Pre-Law Faculty Advisor
Dr. Kevin Pybas of Missouri State University

Outstanding Pre-Law Secretary
Temple University's Eric Horst

Outstanding Pre-Law Chapter President
Corey Killburn of Missouri State University

Outstanding New Pre-Law Chapter
Penn State University

Don Hutson Outstanding Chapter
The University of Houston

*At Right: Don Hutson Outstanding
Pre-Law Chapter from The University of
Houston with International Vice Justice
Ronald J. Winter and Director of Pre-Law
Operations Byron K. Rupp*



*At Left: University of Florida mock trial team #1 with
International Vice Justice Ronald J. Winter and Director of
Pre-Law Operations Byron K. Rupp*

Chapter News – Pre-Law Chapters

Fraternity Welcomes Four New Pre-Law Chapters!

Please join us in welcoming our newest brothers and sisters!

Winthrop University

Phi Alpha Delta's Pre-Law Program passed a significant milestone this Fall when Winthrop University was chartered; becoming the 300th installed Pre-Law Chapter.

The Winthrop University Pre-Law Chapter, located in Rock Hill, SC was installed on October 7th with twenty new members under the guidance and leadership of Chartering President Peter Skidmore.

Columbus State University

On October 17th, the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Program was pleased to install its 301st Pre-Law Chapter at Columbus State University, located in Columbus, GA, with twenty-two new members. Special thanks to Charter President LaToya Feliciano for leading the Chartering effort and Assistant District XVII Justice Bin Minter for conducting the Chartering Ceremony.

University of Mississippi

Phi Alpha Delta's Pre-Law Program continued its rapid expansion this fall when a Charter was granted to the University of Mississippi.

The charter effort, led by Chartering President Martin Genter culminated in the Chapter's installation on December 1st with 32 new members joining in a ceremony held in the Lyceum Building, the oldest building on the University of Mississippi's campus.

Rockhurst University

Our latest Chapter was installed at Rockhurst University, a Jesuit University in Kansas City, MO, on December 6th.

Special thanks to Chartering President John Schlesinger for his efforts to install a Chapter. Also, congratulations to Faculty Advisor Dr. Ken Balusek who has the distinction of being not only a Charter Student Member (at Texas State University-San Marcos, 1987), but also a Charter Faculty Advisor as well!



*Top: Winthrop University Pre-Law Chapter
Bottom: Chartering Officers of the University of Mississippi Pre-Law Chapter*

Chapter News – Pre-Law Chapters

Valdosta State University Pre-Law Chapter Reactivation

By Whitney Smith, President

After six years of being inactive, the members of the Pre-Law Chapter at Valdosta State University are excited to be a part of such a prestigious organization once again. We worked diligently all semester to reactivate our Chapter, initiate 21 new members and increase membership; we already have members to be initiated this semester. During our Fall 2011 semester, we hosted multiple professional development events. We visited the Florida State University College of Law, met with a panel of law students and spoke with the admissions advisor. We hosted a Law School Exposition, allowing our members to meet with representatives from six law schools. We also sat in on a Valdosta Bar Association Meeting and hosted local attorney speakers. Future events include a “Dress For Success” Seminar. Our members are very important to us and we strive to make sure they are informed about their future in law.



Our Chapter also hosted multiple community service events. At the beginning of the semester, Valdosta State University's front lawn is packed with local businesses and organizations, and provides students knowledge about the university and the community. This year, our Chapter participated in this event known as “The Happening.” We met with many students and informed them about P.A.D. at VSU. We passed out flyers and signed up many interested students. We also participated in the campus clean up and food and clothing drives. We look forward to continuing our growth and involvement as the newly reactivated Pre-Law Chapter!

Fundraising: Louisiana State University's Unconventional Path

By Tim Benedetto, Treasurer

Eager to attend the 2011 Pre-Law Conference, LSU Pre-Law Chapter Treasurer Tim Benedetto and President Joshua Solite took a new approach to increase member involvement and bring Louisiana State University back to national prominence. To do this, attendance at the P.A.D. Pre-Law Conference was necessary; however, we were lacking the needed funds.

In the search for fund assistance, Solite was introduced to the Organizational Relief Fund (ORF) designed to grant money to student organizations. After submitting an application and presenting to the board, our Chapter was granted the funds that allowed full registration for four students.

However, the trip was still not covered entirely. Benedetto was hopeful that Louisiana's law community would donate to our Pre-Law Fraternity. Our Chapter sent numerous request letters and emails, and made many phone calls. Our hard work was rewarded with donations from lobbyists and senators that would cover the remaining costs of the trip.

Following months of hard work and persistence, the LSU Chapter managed to fully fund four members to attend the Pre-Law Conference. We hope that this is only a small step in the right direction, as we plan to send even more members next year. However, we reached our goal; we managed to return LSU back to the national stage of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Program. Without the contributions from our state and university, this would not have been possible. Anything is feasible if you are willing to apply hard work, time, and dedication!



Chapter News – Law School Chapters



Arthur Chapter Raises Money, Awareness For The Jeneba Project

By Brianne Fischer, Justice

On October 29, 2011 the Arthur Chapter at Vermont Law School co-sponsored a night of classical music with the International Law Society, to raise funds for the Jeneba Project; a nonprofit organization founded by Arthur Chapter's Vice Justice, Joseph Kaifala. His organization aims to improve educational opportunities for children in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea by providing school supplies, scholarships for girls, and building libraries and schools.

The event's turnout demonstrated the success of the event, as about 150 members of Vermont Law School and the community were in attendance. The support from VLS student volunteers is greatly appreciated as it provided little

up-front expenses for the fundraiser.

"The money raised will help fund the construction of a secondary school in Sierra Leone next year," Kaifala said, "many Africans who survive some of the most horrendous crimes end up in little towns in America as refugees and asylum seekers. We lawyers, as leaders, will have to confront some of the realities that come with that."

"The struggles of small foreign nations should be the forefront of every prospective environmental lawyer's mind because environmental issues like climate change are borderless," Kaifala said. A student volunteer, Ali Naraghi, also noted, "VLS students are known for their dedication to public service and desire to improve the world in which we live, and that includes issues of global justice."

The Arthur Chapter was a proud co-sponsor of this event, and looks forward to it again next year. For more information on the Jeneba project please visit www.jenebaproject.org.

Becoming a Solo Practitioner

By Lela Nicholl, Justice

Among University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, there is a great interest in solo practice, especially due to the current difficult job market. On November 7th, the Reese Chapter welcomed UNL alumnus David Thompson to speak to our students about becoming a solo practitioner.

Thompson was able to share his experiences in the law field, including how he entered solo practice after the firm he was working for dissolved without warning. His tips included how to find clients, the benefits of being your own boss, and the detriments of working for yourself. His practical pointers were helpful to our students, especially soon-to-be graduates planning to open their own practice. He covered insurance issues, hiring employees, office rent and location, and conflicts checks.

We greatly appreciate Brother Thompson's visit and the knowledge he shared with our P.A.D members.

McKinley's Bar Prep Event

By Sarah Biebelhausen, Justice

At the District XIV Conference, McKinley chapter officers connected with Denay Knope of Themis Bar Review (who was initiated that day!). We collaborated with her to arrange a panel of representatives from all three bar prep companies who are on-campus at Ohio State's Moritz College of Law (Ryan Feola of BarBri, Larissa Helmer of Kaplan, and Denay Knope of Themis).

Our Chapter Clerk, Amelia Bean-DeFlumer, coordinated a lunch presentation. Moritz students and McKinley Chapter members were able to hear a brief overview of each company's bar course options and talk to each representative individually. The event was extremely helpful for the approximated 30 student attendees, the prep companies, and the McKinley Chapter.

In light of the companies' annual fee increase deadline, we hope to host a similar event next September, when the information may be timelier for students.

Chapter News – Law School Chapters

Mentschikoff Chapter's Successful Semester!

By Alexandria Nguyen, Vice Justice

The Mentschikoff Chapter hosted great recruitment and academic programs during the Fall semester. In October, we hosted an Open Memo Workshop for the entire 1L class as a recruitment tool.

Members of our Executive Committee set up a panel at the event and provided helpful tips to 1Ls for completing their first Legal Writing assignment. Three Mentschikoff justices presented topics including persuasive writing, utilizing WestLaw and LexisNexis, organization and time management tips.

Drawing from the success of the workshop, the Mentschikoff Chapter recruited and initiated 27 new members on October 14th. The Chapter invited St. Thomas University's former dean, Dean Garcia, and his wife to present him the Spotlight Award in recognition of his dedication to the school and to Phi Alpha Delta.



With the help of our new members and Executive Committee, our Chapter sponsored a bake sale to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our Social Chair, Lauren Smailis, created 'Team Paul' for a walk that took place on November 15th, in support of her brother, Paul Henry, who was diagnosed with leukemia in August 2011. Over

100 St. Thomas students and faculty attended to help raise over \$350 to support cancer research.

Our Fall semester was exciting and successful and we hope that the Spring will be even better! The Mentschikoff Chapter will be teaming up with the Dade County Student Bar Association at St. Thomas University to plan fun events for P.A.D. members and the student body at St. Thomas University!

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Chapter News – Law School Chapters

Butler Chapter's Fall Outreach

By Brittany Lawonn, Justice

The Butler Chapter at William Mitchell College of Law has continued to demonstrate a strong presence in the Twin Cities with several successful fall events.

As the leaves began to change and the temperature started to drop, several students ventured to a local orchard to pick apples. The trip included a walk through the corn maze and planning for upcoming events. Our third annual Halloween Party was a huge success and was combined with a canned food drive to help maximize our Chapter's charitable giving. The proceeds from the food drive went to a local food pantry and a nonprofit organization called

Breaking Free which works with women and girls who have been involved in prostitution. This semester, students also cleaned up the neighborhood surrounding William Mitchell as part of our *Adopt-A-Block* program.

Butler Chapter also has a strong academic assistance presence on campus. Many students join P.A.D. for access to our outline bank and peer-mentoring program, as well as additional help with exams. P.A.D. paired up with another school organization, the Civil Litigation Society, to organize our annual Study Tips Panel. With approximately 75 1Ls in attendance, discussions focused on final exams, outlining, and surviving the stress of first year finals. Butler Chapter has joined several organizations throughout the year to help broaden the Chapter's impact on students and the school.

In early December, we hosted a Networking Social at a local pub with a judge and several attorneys who represented several different practice areas. Keeping the event strictly members-only, we were able to offer less than a 2-to-1 ratio of students to attorneys. When it comes to networking and making connections both in and out of law school, students know that P.A.D. offers huge advantages and this ratio proved useful. Several alumni attended the event and several non-alumni were also introduced to P.A.D. for the first time. We anticipate a much larger event this spring and continued success for Butler Chapter!



Errata

In the Fall 2011 issue, we printed that Megan Mazzoni of Penn Chapter placed third in the Outstanding Marshal competition. Sister Mazzoni was selected as the first place winner of that competition. We sincerely apologize for the error and congratulate Sister Mazzoni on being selected the Most Outstanding Marshal for the 2010–2011 academic year.



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Keep in touch with fellow P.A.D.s and stay up-to-date on all P.A.D. news on Facebook. More than 6,000 P.A.D.s like us on Facebook, why not join them? Look for Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International on Facebook today!

Chapter News – Law School Chapters

Casey Chapter a Sweet Success

By Katlyn Cinelli, Justice

Combinations of new and old events have lead to amazing things for our Chapter. This semester we inducted 37 new members (*pictured at right*) and hosted many great events.

Wing Eating Contest: We invited members from different Organizations compete in the Wing Eating Contest. In the end, Phi Alpha Delta members Scott Hertz and Katlyn

Cinelli (*pictured below*) won the Men's and Women's divisions receiving purple and gold chicken trophies.

Second Annual Thank You Breakfast: This event (*pictured at right*) was such a success last year that this year we extended an invitation to Alumni. Alumni, Faculty, and their families enjoyed many breakfast goodies. We are truly proud of this event as it exemplifies service and our community bond.

Costume Contest: This year we teamed up with the Intellectual Property Group and hosted a trademark costume party; students were encouraged to come as their favorite trademarks. First Place winners were Brothers Poorman and Taussi as Oreo and Second Place went to Sister Baker as Victoria Secret.

Giving Back is so Sweet: As a first, this year our Can-Immunity food drive offered the winning 1L section \$25 Kaplan Gift Certificates. Cans quickly accumulated as the competition mounted, yielding 2,000 non-perishable food items which were donated to the St. Matthew's House, a local food bank that helps feed the local community.

We also teamed up with Maria's Birthday Wishes for the Homeless. We helped them fill their holiday needs with over 300 cupcakes!



Chapter News – Law School Chapters

“Wine, Cheese, and Judges’ Pet Peeves”

By Chelsea Halpine-Berger, Clerk

Franklin Chapter’s annual soiree, “Wine, Cheese, and Judges’ Pet Peeves,” held at the Hotel Indigo, in San Diego, CA on November 1st, attracted a substantial crowd of law students from our own Thomas Jefferson School of Law, eager to find out what NOT to do in court. Four Superior Court Judges were there to reveal their biggest courtroom pet peeves and, per usual, they did not disappoint.

The Honorable Charles Hayes, warned students not to talk or text on their phone in court. Smartphone fanatics beware; there is nothing a judge dislikes more than you playing Angry Birds at trial. God help you if you dare answer your phone in court! Don’t laugh, it has happened.

The Honorable Carolyn Caietti, had some fashion advice for attorneys. Fortunately, it’s simple: Do not look like a slob. For some of the lawyers and clients in her courtroom, this is not such an easy task. Although it may seem obvious, swim trunks are not allowed in the courtroom. Ladies, do not look as if you are going on a date to the club after court. Gentlemen, please do not wear a suit that looks as if it has been wadded up and stored in a paint can in your trunk for the last month. Much to our collective delight, all of the judges made a point to express how wonderfully dressed they thought all of the TJSL students were. Bravo!

Courtroom etiquette was a huge topic of discussion. A few suggestions included: Always address a judge as “Your Honor” in court, do not bicker with opposing counsel, keep the theatrics to a minimum, get to the point, BE ON TIME, and stand up during direct and cross-examination. The Honorable Garry Haehnle, a TJSL graduate and former District Attorney and Superior Court Commissioner, stressed the importance of being prepared for every step of trial.

The question lurking in every law student’s mind was answered by The Honorable Timothy Walsh. What is the single most important advice for new attorneys? “You can’t explain to someone how to play the game of baseball.” As law students, we can interpret this as meaning, “You have to run the bases a few times, make a fool of yourself, perhaps even go on the DL, before you are really a baseball player.” Ask a lot of questions, be a sponge and do not be surprised to make a few mistakes as you become an attorney. That is why they call it “practice.”

From dealings with opposing counsel, clerks, and ultimately the ‘One In The Robe’, think hard about how your actions reflect you, your intentions, and ultimately affect your reputation. If you find yourself in the San Diego area next fall, for another reprise of Wine, Cheese, and Judges’ Pet Peeves, please look us up and drop by.



Chapter News – Alumni Chapters

Miami-Dade Alumni Chapter

The newly reactivated Miami-Dade Alumni Chapter held their first event in November, 2011. The event, “Coffee, Mimosas & More” offered a continental brunch at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and proved to be a great mingling and networking opportunity for current law students, young lawyers, veteran attorneys, and deans. Heralded as part of Homecoming week, the University of Miami attracted additional alumni attention with approximately twenty people in attendance; including lawyers, local law students, and a dean of the local University of Miami School of Law.

Given the success of the brunch, the Miami-Dade Alumni Chapter is considering making this an annual event to not only reach out to other P.A.D. alumni members, but also to act as a mentoring vehicle for law students and young attorneys, in furtherance of the Fraternity’s commitment to serving the profession.



West Suburban Alumni Chapter Honors

By B.J. Maley (*West Suburban Alumni*), Justice



The West Suburban Alumni Chapter held its annual Founders Day Banquet on November 16th. In addition to conducting annual elections, the Chapter gave several special honors.

The Chapter honored U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge John H. Squires by initiating him as an honorary member of Phi Alpha Delta in recognition of his extraordinary impact as a bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of Illinois for the past twenty-three years.

The Chapter also honored four District XI law student members with \$500 scholarships recognizing their service to the fraternity and the community. Two of the recipients were Lincoln Chapter members Justice Lindsay Ruedig and Vice Justice Kim Pressling. The scholarships are part of the Chapter’s Anthony A. DiGrazia scholarship

program which recognizes law student members of the Fraternity who, through their involvement in the fraternity and their communities, have just begun their journey towards fulfilling the Fraternity’s mission.

Lastly, the Chapter recognized Vito Kirvelaitis as the outstanding alumni member for 2011, and Alexas Collier of Northern Illinois University as an outstanding student participant. We look forward to another successful banquet in 2012!

*Above: Hon. John H. Squires is administered the oath of membership
by then-WSAC Justice Joseph F. Emmerth IV.*

Right: Alexas Collier and B.J. Maley (2012 Chapter Justice).



Chapter News – Alumni Chapters

Hunting for P.A.D. Quest

By David Rothenberg (*Fleming*), District XXXII Justice

On October 21st District 32 hosted the first-ever nationwide Fraternity scavenger hunt—P.A.D. Quest. Fourteen teams registered to participate, including Alumni Chapters, Law School Chapters, and one Pre-Law Chapter. At 7:00 p.m. local time, each team received a list of items, and had 24-hours to find each item and submit photographs.

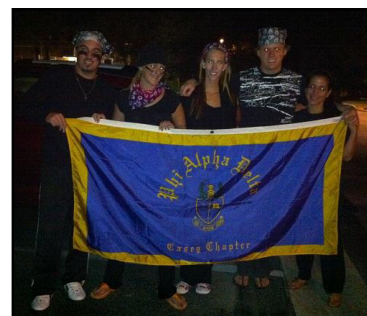
At the end of P.A.D. Quest, judges reviewed and scored the submitted photos. The final results were close, especially among the top three teams.

The winner of the first-ever P.A.D. Quest was the team from Wiener Chapter at the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV (self-appointed as “Team Awesome”). The team consisted of Francesca Resch, Peggy Liou, Hyungseon Jeong, Renee Maxfield, and Elenis Wong. “Team Awesome” finished with 220 points and had a submission for each and every item on the P.A.D. Quest list.

In second place was the team representing Casey Chapter at Ave Maria School of Law (from District 32!) with 213 points. The team's members were Katlyn Cinelli, Laura Sorge, Phil Petruzzo, Lisa Super, and Mark Belcher.

In third place, with 210 points, was “Team Rule 26(b)(1)” from Ramos Chapter at the University of Puerto Rico. The team consisted of Cristina M. Morales, Madeleine D. Molina, Jossie E. Rivera, Juan Nieves, and Badel A. Hernández.

We look forward to presenting an award plaque to “Team Awesome” at the 59th Biennial Convention in Arizona in 2012 and hosting P.A.D. Quest again next year!



In Memoriam:

William G. Conover (*Halleck*), 1926–2012

Judge William Conover, a Valparaiso native who rose through the ranks of the judiciary and served on the Indiana Court of Appeals, died January 9, 2012 at the age of 86.

Conover served in the Navy during World War II. He graduated from Valparaiso University in 1949 and from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1951. He served as judge of Valparaiso City Court and later served as Porter County prosecutor from 1963 to 1971. Conover served as President of the Porter County Bar Association in 1965. Conover was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1981, retired in 1993, then served as a senior judge for two years.

Court of Appeals Judge John G. Baker in a written statement said, “He was a true gentleman who spoke glowingly of his children and grandchildren, was very interested in his community, state and nation, and he was a good student of the law.”

In Memoriam:

Richard W. Konig (*Holmes*), 1930–2012

Richard W. Konig died at the age of 82 on March 22, 2012.

Konig was born in Stockton, CA in 1930. He graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics before attending Stanford Law School and earning his J.D. While at Stanford, he was a member of the Holmes Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta as well as Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. Konig was admitted to the California Bar in 1955, and following service in the U.S. Army, returned to Stockton to practice Taxation Law and Estate Planning. One of his many career accomplishments included authoring the language known as the Crummey Clause, used nationally in Estate Planning Trusts. Konig also served as the president of the Stockton Estate Planning Council, the Rotary Club and the Stockton Rotary Endowment.

Special Feature: Law School Summer Programs



Drake Law School Exhibits Commitment to Diversity Through Unique Learning Experience

By Erin Lain, Assistant Director of Admissions, Drake Law School

This summer, 43 students from across the country came to Drake Law School's campus to participate in the American Bar Association's annual CLEO Summer Institute. It was Drake's first time hosting and it had been nearly twenty years since the Institute was hosted in the state of Iowa.

CLEO was founded in 1968 as a nonprofit project of the American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education. Its primary goal is to expand opportunities for minority and low-income students to attend law school.

Students arrived in Des Moines, not knowing what to expect, as none of them had ever been to Iowa's capital or had ever taken a law school course. What they got was a rigorous six-week training on how to be a successful law student.

Students took four first-year law school courses including Property, Criminal Law, Torts and Legal Research and Writing. They were given the opportunity to explore all of Iowa's court systems and visited the State District Court to the Iowa Supreme Court and the Southern District of Iowa's Federal District court in Des Moines. They also had the opportunity to meet local practitioners, six judges and watch an Iowa Cubs game!

The majority of students had been admitted to schools around the country, but for a few, the Institute was an opportunity to prove that they have the ability to be a successful law student.

In order to provide a well-rounded education and preparation experience for CLEO students, activities focused on providing practical experiences in the law. In coordination with the clerks and judges of Polk County, the CLEO students were able to witness a portion of a trial in a Trial Practicum experience.

This aspect of the institute was similar to a program Drake Law has been coordinating for over a decade, in which first-year law students are able to watch a jury trial from beginning to end.

Students watched a trial of two high school students convicted of second-degree robbery and willful bodily injury, and were facing up to 10 years in prison. The trial was integrated into their criminal law class curriculum to help solidify the concepts they were learning from their textbook.

Oluwafunmilayo Akinmulero, a CLEO student who chose Drake for her legal education said, "Watching the trial helped to humanize the cases we were reading in the institute."

"In planning my CLEO criminal law course, I wanted not only to teach students about fundamental principles of criminal law, but also to introduce them to the "real



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world” of criminal law practice,” said Professor Ellen Yee, who taught Criminal Law for the Summer Institute. “In the Trial Practicum experience, students had the opportunity to see how lawyers, witnesses, judge, and jury contribute to the fact-finding process.”

“The trial practicum was my favorite experience of the summer,” said Sasha Mayo, a CLEO Institute student. “It really made me realize the importance of lawyers and the legal system.” Mayo has decided to attend Drake Law School and, because of her experience with the trial practicum, is considering a career as a prosecutor.

Along with helping the 43 participating students prepare for law school, hosting the Summer Institute was an opportunity for Drake Law School to fulfill its commitment to diversity. According to Allan Vestal, Dean of Drake Law School, hosting the Institute “is a reflection of our innovative curriculum and our long-standing commitment to a diverse and inclusive community.”

Summer Abroad In Cambodia

By Julia A. Yaffee, Senior Assistant Dean, Santa Clara University School of Law

In Cambodia, the Communist Party of Kampuchea, otherwise known as the Khmer Rouge, took control of their country on April 17, 1975. The Khmer Rouge were in power until January 1979.

In this short span of just under four years, the Khmer Rouge repressed and massacred their own citizens on a massive scale. In this tragic event of epic proportion, it is estimated that nearly two million Cambodians were killed.

After many years of negotiation, the Cambodian government and United Nations established a joint court to bring to justice the senior members of Khmer Rouge for charges that include crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, commonly known as the ECCC or “Khmer Rouge Tribunal has completed one trial—that of Kang Kek Iew or “Duch,” the head of the most notorious prison in Phnom Penh. The long-awaited Duch verdict, and the 35-year sentence imposed on him created strong emotions among a people ravaged by the brutality of the late 1970s.

Here, now, is an article written by a Santa Clara University School of Law summer student who completed a summer internship in Cambodia during the period of the Duch trial.

Forgiveness is Not a Requirement

By Karlia Lykourgou, Santa Clara University School of Law Summer Program Participant

If I had any finite expectations on what I would encounter in the course of this internship, they were mostly concerned with the experiences of the victims, what I would hear and how I would respond to it. I read books. However there is little you can do to prepare



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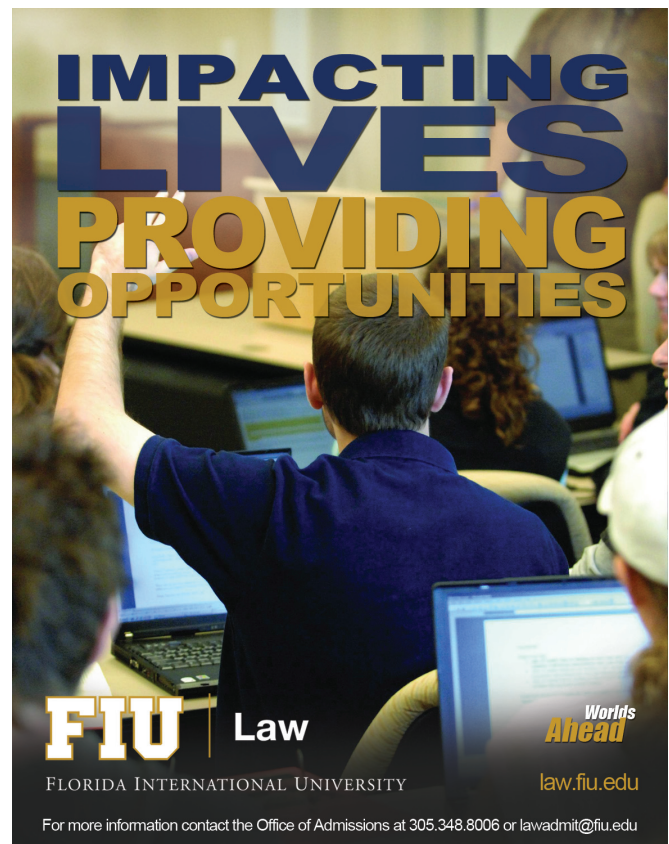
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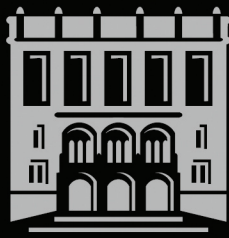


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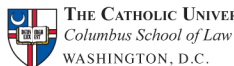
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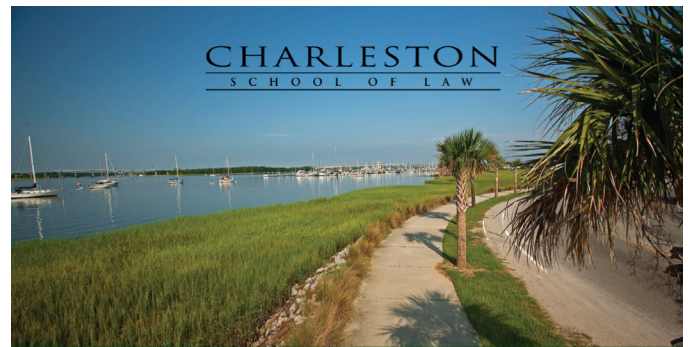
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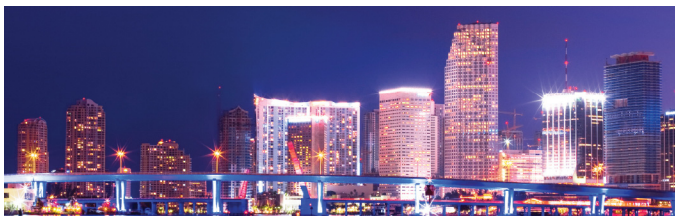
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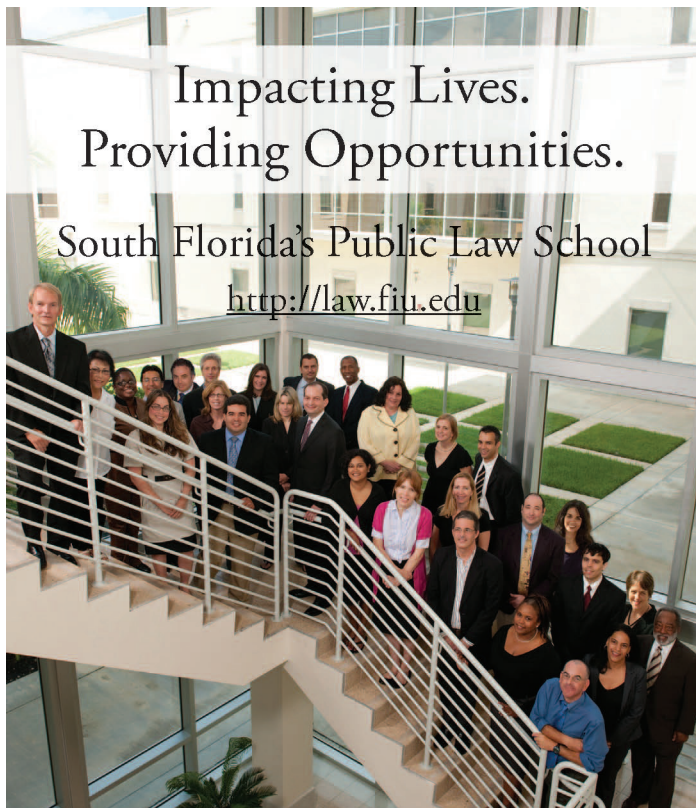


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Law and Technology: LSAT Prep...For Free?

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In this day and age of technology usage in education, especially legal education, we have come to be accustomed to content, all kinds of content that is readily available at any time and on any day. Furthermore, new business models have been developed whereby some of the best content available is completely free for any student to take advantage of. This new business case is also widely available in the area of legal education. Many students continue

to ask themselves the “real value” of paying for content that is available, at no cost, on the web today. What generally is asked by students in determining whether one should pay for content or purchase content is that of quality. Quality of the content on the web is one of the underlying premises that should be taken into consideration when choosing to use content as it relates to one’s career path for what will probably be for the rest of one’s life. In this article we are discussing in particular the LSAT exam so let’s discuss content quality and how it relates to this exam prep and free exam prep content on the internet and on mobile devices.

When one Google’s “free LSAT prep” for example, what appears are predominantly “teasers” luring one into a particular site, and then after reviewing some preliminary language basically takes you to a page where you are able to purchase something. Before we go further into what content we can locate on the web, let’s briefly discuss the breakdown of the LSAT exam.

The LSAT exam basically consists of three scored sections: Logical Reasoning, Analytical Reasoning and Reading Comprehension. There is another section titled Writing Sample which is not scored but will be sent to the law schools that you apply to. Furthermore, there is an experimental section on the LSAT exam that the creators of the test will not tell you, so you will have no idea which one it is. This is used for determining questions for future exams. In order to perform well on the exam, one must completely master each of the above mentioned sections. Now that we understand the basic premise of the exam, let’s turn our attention back to how we can find assistance via the Internet on mastering the LSAT.

Going back to our original premise of using Google to locate LSAT exam assistance, what we can quickly determine is that the usual suspects, the big test prep companies monopolize the search results page. This is because they virtually purchase every possible Google search keyword that has anything to do with the LSAT exam, and they pay dearly to make sure that their ad is at the top of the search results page. Even searching “free LSAT prep” is monopolized by the big test prep companies which is quite ironic because none of them offer anything, of material substance, for free. This is quite misleading to the viewer viewing this search results screen. However, digging deeper into the search results page, there are some interesting offers that may be suitable for one searching for a free prep course for the LSAT.

It is apparent that after an extensive amount of review and research done within searching for and locating a truly free LSAT Prep Course, that there is only one company that offers a complete, and comprehensive LSAT Prep Course. Only www.Casebriefs.com, the most widely used web site for legal education in the US offers the only truly complete LSAT prep course. Furthermore, their course is taught by an instructor that was trained by the big test prep companies, and he is bringing the big test prep company strategies to the user and then improves upon it by adding his own secrets to mastering the exam that he was unable to do while working for those big test prep companies. To conclude, if you are seeking to take the LSAT exam, and your test prep budget is a concern, then only Casebriefs.com offers the only complete and comprehensive LSAT review and you can take the Casebriefs course whether you are on your computer, your iPhone or your iPad. Good luck with your exam!

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yourself for the heavy reality of sitting across from someone and having them tell you that a Khmer Rouge Cadre bundled their daughter into a rice sack and threw her into the river right before their eyes.

It is at moments like this you realize that the gap between physical reality and abstract theory is an infinite abyss. Belief systems and moral concepts that have bolstered your existence up until now count for little when confronted by the cold experience of a person for whom those support systems have been challenged and found woefully inadequate.

On trips out to the provinces with the Victim Participation Project of the Documentation Centre of Cambodia (DC-Cam), I have witnessed some interactions with Cambodian communities in Kampong Chhnang and with Cham Muslim communities in Kampot; had conversations with Cambodians kind enough to share their stories, and spent some slack jawed afternoons at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) listening to witness testimony. Like the Bett of Cambodian folklore whose mouth is too small to ever eat, the issue of forgiveness hovers in the air after each terrible tale but remains largely unsatisfied.

When DC Cam goes out into the village communities they welcome those who choose to attend and ask them how much they know of the ECCC already. They proceed to inform them on the workings of the court, who is being tried and how they can be involved by filling out complaints or civil party applications. In the course of these meetings, people are encouraged to share their experiences in an atmosphere of openness and mutual understanding. Often participants express the difficulty of retrieving these memories and the cathartic effect of being able to talk about their pasts amongst others who have similarly suffered. There is a tangible feeling of sympathy and support at these meetings and it is wonderful to see. Towards the end of the speakers' talk, just before willing participants usher their plastic chairs to the privacy of the corners of the room and others slowly wander home, 'Searching for the Truth' magazine in hand or carefully wrapped in kramas; the question turns to forgiveness...

Religion

'The Buddhists say that one should forgive so as not carry bad karma from one life to the next, what do you think?'

This was in Kampong Chhnang, everyone laughed when the woman in the black shirt blurted that out in the meeting on Thursday, but

she summarized the feeling well. In one way or another, the majority of those spoken to expressed the view that forgiveness is a lot easier in theory than in practice.

Religion often highlights this internal conflict. For example, when asked how their religion is reconciled with their feelings towards the Khmer Rouge, one woman said perhaps Buddha did not realize how we could suffer when he wrote on forgiveness. I found that many of the people we spoke to refer to different tenets of their religious philosophies depending on their inclination to forgive. One person may quote the Qur'an citing forgiveness as virtuous and another such as the old woman at the Cham village in Kampot will refer to another passage saying, 'if you take a life, you owe a life,' but these people took many lives...' It is the latter view that appeared predominately shared by others in the Cham communities that I came into contact with.

The ability to forgive is a virtue, like generosity or patience. They are desirable, they should be practiced, but circumstances do not always allow for them. There is no objective standard of forgiveness, it cannot be imposed or judged because it is a deeply personal process. However, the perception of forgiveness belonging to a person who has lived in relative comfort most of their lives, is unavoidably different from another who has suffered horrific crimes against them. It is only the latter who have truly had their beliefs tested and you can see that amongst the Cambodian villagers in Kampot and Kampong Chhnang. Whether Buddhist, Muslim or of no formal

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religion at all, there seem exceptional fissures in their daily belief systems where their pain and their inability to forgive is stored; and it sits alongside the regular principles of normal life apart from the Khmer Rouge.

At the meetings I attended, participants were typically shy. In Kampot those that did grasp the microphone would often express their happiness that efforts are being made to bring their abusers to justice. They said it could never bring their families back, nor undo the wrongs they have suffered, but to have some of the leaders of Democratic Kampuchea brought to justice is a start. When asked by DC

Cam to share their stories, there usually appeared two or three in each meeting who were particularly keen to talk.

One woman sat and stared keenly at every mention of the court proceedings and took the microphone and spoke whenever she had the chance, telling us about the death of her family and how she was the only one to survive. At the next meeting on the same day, another older gentleman remained seated in the corner for most of discussion and then rose and spoke powerfully about being forced to eat pork because they knew it was against his religion, about how he was only kept alive because he worked so hard and how they killed everyone else...

Law and Retribution

It is at times like that, when I've sat cross legged on the floor staring up at these people that it has occurred to me that the ability to forgive is often praised and most religious texts expound the virtues of forgiveness, but why should these survivors have to relinquish their anger? The withholding of their forgiveness is their right. Thirty years after the Khmer Rouge era ended, many of the perpetrators are dead and only five defendants are being tried in an internationalised criminal court. The only retribution many of the survivors will ever really have against their abusers is the retention of their anger and their choice not to forgive them.

I find it curious how many survivors equate the ECCC tribunal with revenge. Some survivors, who expressed their lack of desire for the trial, did

so because they no longer yearn for revenge and others expressed their support directly, because of this desire. In countries with more developed legal systems the law is not necessarily viewed in this way. The law is taken for granted as something that is above and separate from the people's will. Criminals are punished for their wrong, not for the victim's desire for retribution, but because society has deemed that it should be so. Viewing the law in this objective and impersonal manner may make forgiveness a little easier because there need not be a thirst for revenge. The wrong is acknowledged and punished automatically leaving the victim the freedom of choice to forgive or not. In a country such as Cambodia where most of the perpetrators have gone unpunished, this choice is not the same. Because they have received no justice from society so far, these people must feel as though their anger is the only form of punishment that the perpetrator will ever receive. Absent that, there is only a series of heinous crimes that have returned no consequences.

The Philosophy of Forgiveness

The concept of forgiveness is a nebulous one in itself and returns more than one definition. Bishop Joseph Butler described it as cessation of a desire for revenge and the relinquishment of the victim's anger. This view



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promotes a fairly unilateral perception of forgiveness, which requires no interaction between aggressor and victim, aligning itself with Buddhist values that urge people to let go of their 'bad karma'. Professor Charles Griswold has rejected this approach arguing that the victim fails to truly come to terms with their feelings, burying them instead.

In Griswold's view the process of forgiveness requires far more interaction between aggressor and victim. The individual's forgiveness requires that they see evidence of their injurer's attempt to understand their victim's pain and acknowledges how their actions have caused it. Furthermore the injured must see that their injurer takes responsibility for their actions, repudiates them, and will not do the same in the future. The contrition of the offender is effectively key to the victims' forgiveness.

I find the latter approach over ambitious, effectively precluding the Cambodian survivors from ever forgiving their Khmer Rouge abusers. This suggests that Butler's relinquishment of anger idea is probably the only kind of forgiveness that the Cambodians can ever really achieve. Many survivors do not know who the Khmer Rouge cadre are who harmed them directly and the majority of the upper echelons of the regime have disappeared. Even if they had not, every individual harmed by the Khmer Rouge cannot be apologised to and mass apologies are not likely to be the balm that soothes the deep wounds inflicted. 'It is easy to ask for forgiveness' one survivor said, 'but then the person could do it again'. Clearly the sincerity of the apology is a factor in its acceptance and the victims are hesitant to believe. Having said this, the only apology these survivors have ever received has come from Duch, the former head of S-21 who is currently being tried for crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949. He is responsible for the torture and murder of over 10,000 men, women and children, and is the only one out of the current leaders of Democratic Kampuchea to beg forgiveness from his victims. At the meetings I attended, the survivors were often asked for their reactions to this apology and although one woman felt it was nice to have some acknowledgement of wrongdoing from someone, others have rejected Duch's appeal for the people to 'at least leave the door open for forgiveness.'

I can understand how such a request for forgiveness must seem almost inappropriate to some of the victims; for once you have forcibly taken everything from someone, it is too late to ask for anything.

The Victim Participation Project asked some individuals what their response to Duch's apology was and found little support. Piseth from Svay Rieng carries on with his wife's dream of confronting Duch in Court claiming, 'I believe people in general, including me, cannot forgive him;' agreeing with Sophea of Kampong Thom who also said he can never accept Duch's apology, 'no matter what.' When Sophan from Kampong Cham was also asked if she could forgive Duch she responded he must have a 'very cruel nature... [because] from my experience living through the regime, they would keep alive only those who are cruel,' so she, 'cannot forgive him in light of what the victims suffered...'

One survivor raised a thought provoking point, saying Duch's apology only extends to those who suffered at S21, '... what about the rest of us?'

Conclusion

For the rest of Cambodia and those unconvinced by Duch's apology, it may realistically be too late for forgiveness. Before I came to Cambodia, I may have admonished someone for such a bleak perspective, but ideals are sometimes a luxury that not everyone can afford and these people have lost everything. They did not suffer once thirty years ago, they suffer every day because they cannot put the past behind them. The woman who had four children and now has one, the survivor who lives alone because her husband was killed, the man who is too maimed by torture to work are all examples of this. Evidently time does not heal all wounds.

Forgiveness is a choice. It is a legitimate decision that transgresses the heralded ethics of religion and philosophy to settle on something more powerfully human, such as the decision to gather one's dignity about oneself and quietly turn away from forgiveness.

The survivors are not angry every minute of day; they do not hate every day. But if you ask them, this is what most of them will tell you they feel towards the Khmer Rouge. It has become a fact, something they live with. As they live with the absence of loved ones, and the memories that return at unexpected moments and linger on the walk back from the pagoda, long after the meeting is over.

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